



# Floresville Independent School District

## Technology Department

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Date: March 17, 2008

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

CC: 02-6

Dear FCC:

This letter is in reference to CC Docket No. 02-6 and CC Docket No. 96-45. We are appealing the USAC decision to reduce our discount percentage based on the Urban / Rural status of the Floresville High School, as mentioned on a funding commitment decision letter for Funding Year 2007.

We have appealed to USAC and were denied. Therefore, we are requesting that you review our appeal to USAC and their response. If USAC responded appropriately, we are requesting that you consider a waiver for the urban / rural status for Floresville ISD and allow Floresville High School and all of Floresville schools (FCC Registration Number 0007371867) to retain rural status.

Several other school districts inside of Wilson County, such as Poth ISD, La Vernia ISD, and Stockdale ISD, are also affected by the USAC classification of Wilson County as Urban. We respectfully request that you consider re-classifying Wilson County as Rural so other school districts in Wilson County (in addition to Floresville ISD) can apply for e-Rate funding with Rural discount percentages.

- Appellant name: Floresville Independent School District
- Appellant FCC Registration Number: 0007371867
- Applicant BEN: 141508
- Form 471 Application Number: 571898 (FY 7/1/07 – 6/30/08)
- Funding Request Numbers: 1600816, 1601300, 1601728, 1602105, 1602313, 1602507, 1602748, 1602844, 1602905, 1603204, 1603255, and 1603816

Enclosed are the Funding Commitment Decision Letter we received from USAC, our appeal to USAC, and their response. We have also included a CD with digital versions of these documents.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

John Holcombe  
Network Administrator  
Floresville Independent School District

Enclosures: 4

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**FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER**  
(Funding Year 2007: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2008)

February 7, 2008

John Holcombe  
FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
908 10TH ST  
FLORESVILLE, TX 78114-1852

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 141508  
Billed Entity FCC RN: 0007371867  
Applicant's Form Identifier: YR 10 P1SVC

Thank you for your Funding Year 2007 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

- The amount, \$148,138.73 is "Approved."

Please refer to the Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form. A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report is available in the Reference Area of our website.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice USAC using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

**TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:**

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
  - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
  - Form 471 Application Number 571898 as assigned by USAC,
  - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2007," AND
  - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence

and documentation.

4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to [appeals@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:appeals@sl.universalservice.org). USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to USAC by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to USAC on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit  
100 South Jefferson Road  
P.O. Box 902  
Whippany, New Jersey 07981

You have the option of filing an appeal with the SLD or directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

#### NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1600816  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004789  
Service Provider Name: Verizon Southwest Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 830 TX0-1869  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$31,596.60  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$31,596.60  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$23,381.48 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MRL: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.  
FCDL Date: 02/07/2008  
Wave Number: 037  
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1601300  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004789  
Service Provider Name: Verizon Southwest Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 830 L00-4482  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$3,627.12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$3,627.12  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$2,684.07 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

Wave Number: 037

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1601728  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Internet Access  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143011242  
Service Provider Name: The University of Texas at Austin  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 400-053  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$37,276.20  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$37,276.20  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$27,584.39 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

ECDL Date: 02/07/2008

Wave Number: 037

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1602105  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143018211  
Service Provider Name: Signature Telecommunications dba Randy White Telec  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 6435  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$3,461.64  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$3,461.64  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$2,561.61 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

Wave Number: 037

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1602313  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143025240  
Service Provider Name: ATT Mobility  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 475606596  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$267.24  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$267.24  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$197.76 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

Wave Number: 037

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1602507  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143000889  
Service Provider Name: Nextel of Texas, Inc.  
Contract Number: MTM  
Billing Account Number: 201065321  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$21,014.28  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$21,014.28  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$15,550.57 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

Wave Number: 037

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1602748  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004789  
Service Provider Name: Verizon Southwest Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 830 393-5300  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$32,390.64  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$32,390.64  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$23,969.07 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

Wave Number: 037

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1602844  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004789  
Service Provider Name: Verizon Southwest Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 830 393-5336  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$246.72  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$246.72  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$182.57 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.  
FCDL Date: 02/07/2008  
Wave Number: 037  
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1602905  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004789  
Service Provider Name: Verizon Southwest Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 830 393-5350  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$3,141.60  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$3,141.60  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$2,324.78 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

Wave Number: 037

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1603204  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004789  
Service Provider Name: Verizon Southwest Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 830 393-5356  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,113.44  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,113.44  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,563.95 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1603255  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004789  
Service Provider Name: Verizon Southwest Inc.  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: 830 393-5722  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$2,364.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$2,364.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,749.36 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MR1: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.  
FCDL Date: 02/07/2008  
Wave Number: 037  
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2008

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT  
Billed Entity Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
BEN: 141508  
Funding Year: 2007

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number: 1603816  
Funding Status: Funded  
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service  
Form 470 Application Number: 107750000617177  
SPIN: 143004662  
Service Provider Name: Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
Contract Number: T  
Billing Account Number: N/A  
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N  
Service Start Date: 07/01/2007  
Service End Date: 06/30/2008  
Contract Award Date: N/A  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Shared Worksheet Number: 891713  
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$62,688.00  
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00  
Pre-discount Amount: \$62,688.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 74%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$46,389.12 - FRN approved; modified by SLD  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: MRL: The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data.

FCDL Date: 02/07/2008

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# Floresville Independent School District

## Technology Department

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Date: February 18, 2008

Letter of Appeal  
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Whippany, New Jersey 07981  
Fax: (973) 599-6542

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are appealing the USAC decision to reduce our discount percentage, as mentioned on a funding commitment decision letter for Funding Year 2007.

- Appellant name: Floresville Independent School District
- Applicant BEN: 141508
- Form 471 Application Number: 571898 (FY 7/1/07 – 6/30/08)
- Funding Request Numbers: 1600816, 1601300, 1601728, 1602105, 1602313, 1602507, 1602748, 1602844, 1602905, 1603204, 1603255, and 1603816

The exact text of the decision we are appealing for FRN 1600816, 1601300, 1601728, 1602105, 1602313, 1602507, 1602748, 1602844, 1602905, 1603204, 1603255, and 1603816 is "The shared discount was reduced to a level that could be validated by third party data."

We are requesting that you review the urban / rural status of Floresville High School and change the status of Floresville High School from Urban to Rural. We also request that you change the site specific discount for Floresville High School from 60% to 70%, and as a result adjust the Floresville ISD shared discount from 74% to 77%. This would then increase the funding decision from \$148,138.73 to \$154,144.35, a difference of approximately \$6,005.

Neighboring counties, such as Atascosa, have higher populations and are more "urban" than Wilson County, yet these counties are classified by e-Rate as "Rural". Portions of Bexar County are even classified as Rural, and Bexar County has a much higher population than Wilson County. Please see <http://www.universalservice.org/sl/applicants/step05/urban-rural/msa/texas.asp>. While Atascosa County is listed as rural on the USAC web page, Wilson County is not.

The 2006 census defined population of Wilson County is 38,892.  
[http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPopulation?\\_event=Search&\\_name=wilson+county&\\_state=04000US48&\\_county=wilson+county&\\_cityTown=wilson+county&\\_zip=&\\_sse=on&\\_lang=en&\\_pctxt=fph](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPopulation?_event=Search&_name=wilson+county&_state=04000US48&_county=wilson+county&_cityTown=wilson+county&_zip=&_sse=on&_lang=en&_pctxt=fph)

The 2006 census defined population of Atascosa County is 43,876.

[http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPopulation?\\_event=Search&\\_name=atascosa&\\_state=04000US48&\\_county=atascosa&\\_cityTown=atascosa&\\_zip=&\\_sse=on&\\_lang=en&pctxt=fph](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPopulation?_event=Search&_name=atascosa&_state=04000US48&_county=atascosa&_cityTown=atascosa&_zip=&_sse=on&_lang=en&pctxt=fph)

The 2006 census defined population of Bexar County is 1,555,492.

[http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPopulation?\\_event=Search&\\_name=bexar+county&\\_state=04000US48&\\_county=bexar+county&\\_cityTown=bexar+county&\\_zip=&\\_sse=on&\\_lang=en&pctxt=fph](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/SAFFPopulation?_event=Search&_name=bexar+county&_state=04000US48&_county=bexar+county&_cityTown=bexar+county&_zip=&_sse=on&_lang=en&pctxt=fph)

Additionally, the National Center for Education Statistics shows Floresville ISD (District # 4819350) as being Rural: Fringe (41). You can access this information at:

[http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/ipedssearch/district\\_detail.asp?Search=2&details=1&DistrictID=4819350&ID2=4819350](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/ipedssearch/district_detail.asp?Search=2&details=1&DistrictID=4819350&ID2=4819350).

Additionally, the NCES classifies our Middle School and Elementary School as Rural. They classify our High School, Primary, JJAEP, Early Childhood, Alternative, and CHOICES schools as Towns. They do not classify any of our schools as being in a city or even a suburb.

A town or rural area is much lower than an urban rating in NCES classifications. To clarify, NCES classifications are as follows:

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| 11 - City, Large     | Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with population of 250,000 or more.   |
| 12 - City, Midsize   | Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with population less than 250,000 and greater than or equal to 100,000.   |
| 13 - City, Small     | Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with population less than 100,000.  |
| 21 - Suburb, Large   | Territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population of 250,000 or more.  |
| 22 - Suburb, Midsize | Territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population less than 250,000 and greater than or equal to 100,000.  |
| 23 - Suburb, Small   | Territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population less than 100,000.   |
| 31 - Town, Fringe    | Territory inside an urban cluster that is less than or equal to 10 miles from an urbanized area.   |
| 32 - Town, Distant   | Territory inside an urban cluster that is more than 10 miles and less than or equal to 35 miles from an urbanized area.  |
| 33 - Town, Remote    | Territory inside an urban cluster that is more than 35 miles from an urbanized area.   |
| 41 - Rural, Fringe   | Census-defined rural territory that is less than or equal to 5 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an urban cluster.   |
| 42 - Rural, Distant  | Census-defined rural territory that is more than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is more than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an urban cluster. |
| 43 - Rural,          | Census-defined rural territory that is more than 25 miles from an urbanized area and is also   |

Remote more than 10 miles from an urban cluster.

Attached you will find a Google Earth satellite image of Floresville (Floresville.jpg). This image shows the actual size of Floresville. As you can see based on the map, Floresville does not appear to be very "urban".

For additional perspective, Floresville has no DSL service and no Cable TV service. Currently, the only way to get reliable high speed internet is via expensive T-1 lines (which are old fashioned and much more expensive when compared to newer technologies, such as metro Ethernet, DSL, and Cable Modem).

All Floresville ISD campuses are located within the Floresville City Limits (see the attached map SchoolLocations.pdf). Floresville High School is less than a mile away from the Floresville Middle School, which is considered rural.

Therefore, we request that Floresville High School also be classified as "Rural".

Please contact us with any questions you have:

**Contact Information:**

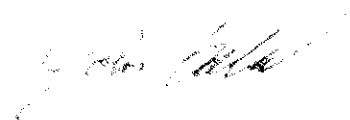
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Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



John Holcombe  
Network Administrator  
Floresville ISD





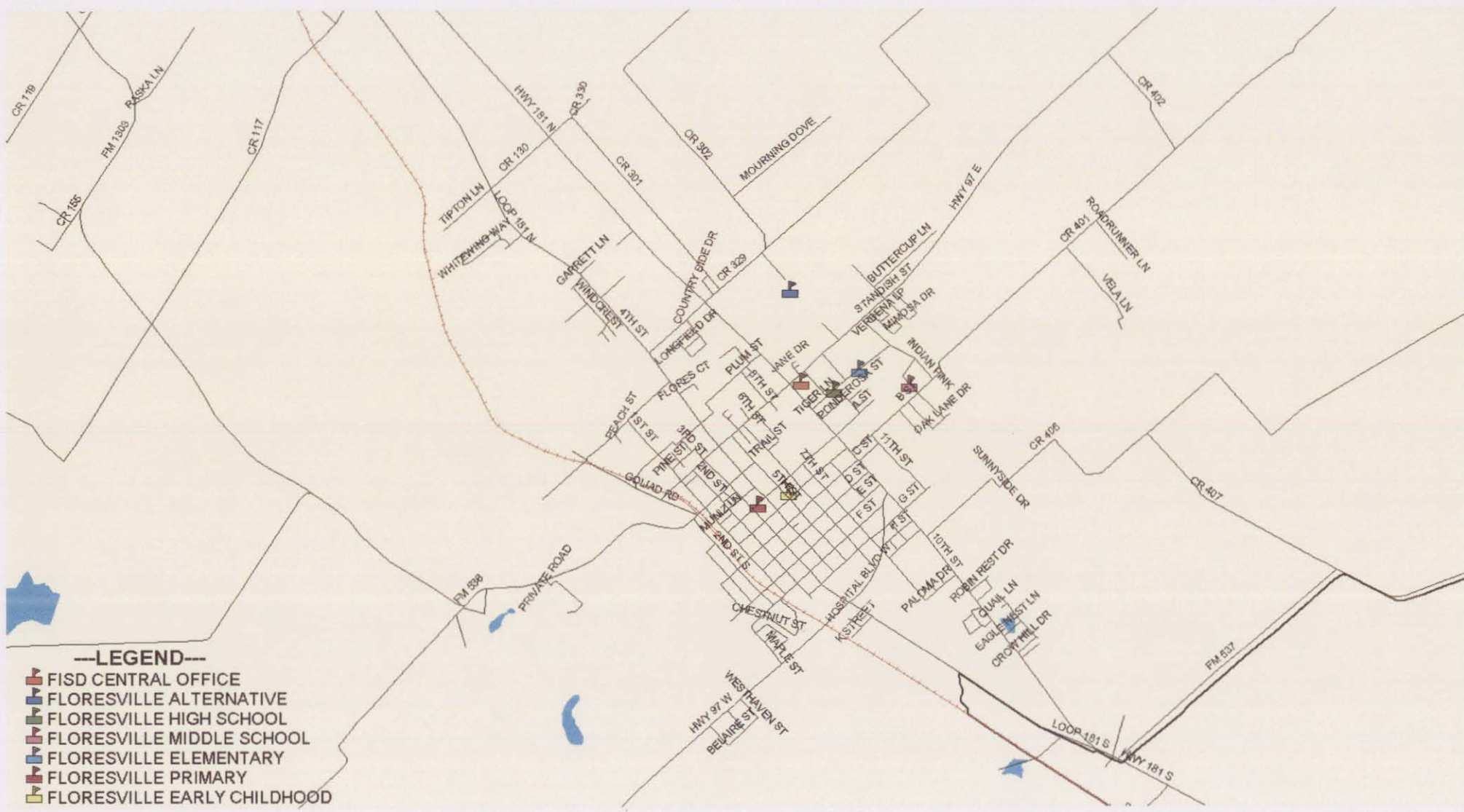
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**Search for Public School Districts**

**CCD** Common Core of Data

**District Information**      **Modify Search**   **Data Notes/Grant IDs**   **Help**

<b>District Name:</b> Floresville Isd <u>schools for this district</u>	<b>County:</b> Wilson	<b>County ID:</b> 48493
<b>Mailing Address:</b> 908 10th St Floresville, TX 78114-1852	<b>Physical Address:</b> 908 10th St Floresville, TX 78114-1852	<b>Phone:</b> (830) 393-5300
<b>NCES District ID:</b> 4819350	<b>State District ID:</b> 247901	

**District Details**

**Characteristics**   **Staff**   **Fiscal**   **Census**      **Show All**

<b>Grade Span:</b> (grades PK - 12) PK KG 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	<b>Type:</b> <u>Old Locale:</u> <u>New Locale:</u> <b>Status:</b>	Regular School District Rural, inside CBSA (8) Rural: Fringe (41) No Boundary Change
<b>Total Schools:</b> <b>Total Students:</b> <b>Classroom Teachers (FTE):</b> <b>Student/Teacher Ratio:</b> <b>Summer Migrant Students:</b> <b>ELL (formerly LEP) Students:</b> <b>Students with IEPs:</b>	8 3,656 251.0 14.6 N/A 134 475	<b>Metro Status:</b> MSA - Not Central City  <b>CSA/CBSA:</b> 41700 <b>Supervisory Union #:</b> 000

Source: CCD public school district data for the 2005-2006 school year.  
Note: "N/A" means the data are not available or not applicable.

**National Center for Education Statistics**  
Office of Educational Research & Improvement, U.S. Dept. of Education  
1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, USA, Phone: (202) 502-7300



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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2007-2008**

February 25, 2008

John Holcombe  
Floresville Independent School District  
908 10th Street  
Floresville, TX 78114

Re: Applicant Name: FLORESVILLE INDEP SCHOOL DIST  
Billed Entity Number: 141508  
Form 471 Application Number: 571898  
Funding Request Number(s): 1600816, 1601300, 1601728, 1602105, 1602313,  
1602507, 1602748, 1602844, 1602905, 1603204,  
1603255, 1603816  
Your Correspondence Dated: February 18, 2008

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2007 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

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1602507, 1602748, 1602844, 1602905, 1603204,  
1603255, 1603816

Decision on Appeal: **Denied**

Explanation:

- During the Appeal Review USAC thoroughly assessed the facts presented in the appeal letter, the relevant documentation on file, and the FCC Rules and Procedures before making its determination on your appeal. The record shows that Floresville Independent School District requested a shared discount of 77%. Every school or library in the United States is located in either a rural or an urban area, based on Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) data. The record demonstrates that Floresville High School, BEN 90474, is located in Wilson County in the State of Texas. The entire County is considered Urban as per

USAC. Therefore, based on the record Floresville High School is eligible for a 60% discount rate. USAC correctly lowered Floresville High School to 60% and Floresville Independent School District shared discount to 74%. On appeal, Floresville Independent School District has failed to provide any evidence that USAC has erred in its initial decision. Consequently, the appeal is denied. For guidance regarding Rural or Urban Classification please visit USAC website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/urban%2Drural/>.

FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b). The level of poverty is measured by the percentage of students enrolled in a school or school district who are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or a federally-approved alternative mechanism. Alternatively, the level of poverty is measured according to participation in Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9045, FCC 97-157 para. 510 n. 1334 (rel. May 8, 1997). The high cost determination is made pursuant to FCC rules that classify a school or library as rural or urban. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(3). An applicant's discount rate is determined by reference to a matrix based upon the level of poverty and whether the entity is classified as rural or urban. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(c).

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either USAC or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company



## Schools & Libraries – Calculating Discount Levels

### How are school discounts calculated?

The discount level for an individual school is based upon (1) the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunches under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and (2) whether the location of the school is urban or rural. The Discount Matrix (see link below) shows the appropriate discount level for the NSLP percentage of the school.

### What about discounts for multiple schools or school districts?

If **all** the schools in a school district will share one or more services, the shared discount is calculated from the **weighted average** of the discounts of all individual schools. That is, the discount level of a school with more students is weighted more heavily in the calculation than the discount level of a school with fewer students. If some services will be shared by some schools in the district and not others, only the weighted average of the discounts of the schools actually receiving the service is calculated. In general, each set of entities receiving services requires a separate Block 4 worksheet of the Form 471 application. See the Form 471 instructions on the website link below.

### What if the school does not participate in the NSLP?

A school can also use certain alternative methods to determine the level of poverty, as long as those methods are based on – and do not exceed – the same measure of poverty used by NSLP, which is 185% of the federal poverty guideline. These federally approved alternative methods can use data collected through surveys or from existing sources. Note that lunch applications are not considered surveys. See the references below for details.

### Are discounts for libraries or library systems calculated differently?

A library branch or outlet uses the NSLP data for the public school district in which it is located. However, instead of using the school district's weighted average, the library outlet or branch calculates its NSLP percentage by dividing the total number of students in the school district by the total number eligible for NSLP. This may result in a different NSLP percentage than the weighted average calculated by the school district. Again, the discount level also depends upon whether the school is in a rural or an urban area.

A library system discount is calculated from the **simple average** of the discounts of the branches or outlets. See the Form 471 instructions on the website link below.

### What about consortia of libraries and/or schools?

The discount for a consortium is calculated using the **simple average** of the discounts of all its members, whether they are individual schools, library outlets or branches, school districts, or library systems.

#### For additional information, please use the USAC resources listed below:

<b>Discount Guidelines:</b>	<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/</a>
<b>Discount Matrix:</b>	<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/discount-matrix.aspx">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/discount-matrix.aspx</a>
<b>Urban or Rural Determination:</b>	<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/urban-rural/">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/urban-rural/</a>
<b>Form 471 Instructions:</b>	<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/required-forms.aspx">http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/required-forms.aspx</a>
<b>Library Consortia:</b>	<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/library-consortium-faq.aspx">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/library-consortium-faq.aspx</a>
<b>Alternative Discount Mechanisms:</b>	<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/alternative-discount-mechanisms.aspx">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/alternative-discount-mechanisms.aspx</a>
<b>Non-Instructional Facilities:</b>	<a href="http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/non-instructional-facilities.aspx">http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step05/non-instructional-facilities.aspx</a>

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